vigilance investigation and further action in operation of the panel has been kept in abeyance pending finalisation of the investigation report. Specific information about category No. 15 is being obtained and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Recommendations of weights and measures officials**

2616. SHRI SHRIKANT VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state that what are the details of recommendations made by the officials of Weights and Measures Department, who met in New Delhi during the first week of July, 1984, regarding enforcement of legal provisions to protect consumers from unfair trade practices and exploitation by unscrupulous manufacturers, and traders?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M.S. SANJEEVI RAO): The officials of Weights and Measures Department did not meet in New Delhi during the first week of July, 1984.

However, a Conference on Weights and Measures was held on 24-25 May, 1984. A statement on the main recommendations of the Conference is attached. (*See below*)

**Statement**

*Main recommendations of the Weights and Measures Conference regarding enforcement of legal provisions* to protect the *consumers.*

1. The Conference felt that there was a need to intensify the enforcement activities so as to protect the consumer from unfair trade practices resorted to by the unscrupulous elements in the trade.

2. Immediate action may be taken for enactment of the Standards of Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Bill, 1984 containing provisions for legal control of all weighing and measuring instruments used not only in commercial transactions but in industrial production and protection of human, animal and vegetable life, and also for stringent penalties for offences which directly affected the consumers.

3. The States where separate whole time Weights and Measures Departments did not exist at present, should immediately take steps to set up independent organisations. The Weights and Measures Organisations in the States and the Centre should be under the same Ministry to ensure coordination.

4. The Enforcement Organisations in the States should be strengthened taking into consideration the expanded responsibilities arising out of the new enforcement Bill.

5. Special Courts should be set up in all the States to try offences in respect of consumer protection laws such as Weight and Measures Act.

6. State Enforcement authorities should undertake checking of Packaged Commodities at the manufacturing premises at regular intervals.

**भेषजी परिषदों के लिए चुनाव**

2617. **श्री अश्विनी कुमार** : क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बिहार, पश्चिमी बंगाल और उत्तर प्रदेश की भेषजी परिषदों के चुनाव नियमित रूप से किये जाते हैं, यदि हां, तो पिछली बार चुनाव कब हुए थे ;

(ख) समय पर चुनाव कराने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ; और

(ग) इन भेषजी परिषदों को सुचारू रूप से चलाने के लिए क्या उपाय किए जा रहे हैं ?

**स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री कुमारी कुमुदबेन एम० जोशी** : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और वह सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।